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TO:

[Redacted]
Deputy Director of Security
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

FROM:

E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security

SUBJECT:

Serialization of Secret Documents

Section 7
In order to fulfill the strict accountability procedure requirements of Executive Order No. 10501, which state that "Heads of departments and agencies shall prescribe such accountability procedures as are necessary to control effectively the dissemination of classified defense information", and "Proper control of dissemination of classified defense information shall be maintained at all times, including good accountability records of classified defense information documents,...", the Department of State serializes all Secret and Top Secret documents.

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[Redacted] of your office has stated in conversation with Mr. Uanna of this Office that your Agency also serializes Secret documents:

The Department's Office of Intelligence Resources and Coordination (IRC) has informed this Office that it has been receiving a large number of unserialized documents from CIA. IRC is required to serialize these documents upon receipt, but now requests that it be exempted from such procedure.

It would be appreciated if you would inform this Office if your Agency does serialize all Secret material. If you do not serialize Secret material, do you have an alternative method to obtain accountability as required by Executive Order No. 10501?

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

This is in reply to Mr. Tompkins' letter of 24 March 1958 addressed to the Central Intelligence Agency, attention Deputy Director of Plans, requesting a review of 16 additional documents seized in 1945 in connection with the case relating to the now defunct Amerasia Magazine. You requested that the documents be reviewed and determination made whether they can be declassified and released to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee or, regardless of classification, can they be so released without disclosure of material relating to operational intelligence information. The documents have, therefore, been so reviewed and the following information and comments are provided.

No record was found of Exhibits Q-a, Q-294A3, Q-304, Q-316, Q-337, Q-570, Q-842, Q-850, Q-958, Q-1057, Q-1062, Q-1064. We have no comment concerning these documents and can find no compelling reasons to place a classification on them. There is no objection to their release to the Subcommittee.

Exhibit Q-85. An unclassified copy of this document was found. However, no reason exists to classify it nor to object to its release.

Exhibit Q-245-C. A record of this document was found in OSS archives and is still classified **SECRET**. Your photostatic copy is not classified, the classification apparently having been removed

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previously. There is no reason at this time to reclassify the document; however, as it carries dissemination and report numbers, source and evaluation grading, which items are probably of no particular significance to the Subcommittee, these items should be removed from the document so as to protect the system. There is then no objection to releasing it.

Exhibit Q-846. No record of this document was found. As it is a handwritten sample in rough draft of basic instructions to an apparent agent, it probably should have been classified originally, in view of the subject matter discussed in it. Its source cannot be determined from information available at this time; however, because of the nature of the subject matter contained, it should not be released.

Exhibit Q-47. No record was found of this document. We have no comment concerning it and, therefore, find no basis on which to object to its release. The matter of requesting a review by the United States Information Agency is deferred to your discretion.

We trust the above information will assist you in advising Senator Eastland, Chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

Enclosures

X1 FI/Support: []/m (21 May 58)

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